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Subject: Forest Health Protection Evaluation for the White Pine Project (CFO-TR-18-008)

To: Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests

On July 9-12, 2018, Paul Zambino, Plant Pathologist, and Gina Davis, Forest Entomologist, met with Mandy Villwock and other forest staff at the White Pine Project on the Palouse Ranger District, Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests, to conduct an evaluation of forest health.

Major findings discussed on site and in the enclosed report include:

- *Root diseases were the major factor impacting current forest health and may affect forest health after management treatments.*
- *Without management, root diseases will cause increasing tree losses over time.*
- *Conversion to more root-disease tolerant species (pines or western larch) would result in healthier forests. Thinning stands and leaving mostly susceptible tree species (Douglas-fir and grand fir) would likely cause a rapid increase in root disease losses.*

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

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Enclosure

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